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this last year where...how an alcoholic person could be committed. There certainly should be some protections for those people as outlined in LB 806. I would ask you to adopt this amendment including the alcoholic person in the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to adopt.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Venditte as found on page 2053 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I understand that my amendments are somewhat untimely, unpopular and thirdly I understand that they have become constitutionally suspect, right Senator DeCamp. Therefore Mr. President, I very, very reluctantly ask unanimous consent to have the amendments withdrawn.

PRESIDENT: They are withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Goodrich (read amendment).

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, Mr. President, members of the body. We have got a problem in the definition of what is supported in whole or in part by funds from this act, and, if you for example have an emergency room in a hospital, does the fact that a patient comes in for emergency treatment automatically mean that that emergency room received a part of its funds from the treatment of an alcoholic from the proceeds of this act, and if it does, then that puts that particular emergency room in that hospital under the guidance and direction of the people that administer this particular act. That certainly is not the intention of this particular act. If, for example, that hospital operates a alcohol treatment facility, fine. They expect that facility to be under the guidance and direction of the people who administer this act, but not if they just give emergency treatment at the emergency of their own hospital they don't want the whole hospital to come under the direction of the people that administer this act. All this amendment does is clears up that if it is an emergency room of a private institution it gives emergency care on strictly a...he is in, he gets patched up and he is on his way again, that doesn't subject the whole hospital to the governing requirements of LB 204. Consequently all we are doing, is we are responding to the expression from the attorneys that brought this to the attention of the Nebraska Hospital Association who in turn brought it to me. Now, Senator Mills is preparing an amendment that strikes two words out of this amendment and we could do it two ways. I could just unanimously agree to that and that is perfectly alright with me, if that is alright with Senator Mills, Mr. Clerk, can we and Jerry, can we just by unanimous consent strike the two words out of line 5 and line 6 the words "or care" out of each of those two lines, we just strike

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